

# CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

## PROCEEDINGS AND DEBATES OF THE FIFTY-SIXTH CONGRESS.

### FIRST SESSION.

#### SENATE.

MONDAY, December 4, 1899.

The first Monday of December being the day prescribed by the Constitution of the United States for the annual meeting of Congress, the first session of the Fifty-sixth Congress commenced this day.

The Senate assembled in its Chamber at the Capitol.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore (Mr. WILLIAM P. FRYE, a Senator from the State of Maine) took the chair and called the Senate to order at 12 o'clock noon.

#### PRAYER.

Rev. W. H. MILBURN, D. D., Chaplain to the Senate, offered the following prayer:

O Eternal God, we come into Thy presence bowed and heavy in heart under a weight of sorrow which words can not express, for we miss the presence of our beloved and honored Vice-President, a man to whom the nation gave the second place of honor and dignity in the land, and who, by his manliness, his sweet and genial character and bearing, won for himself the affection and warm regard of all who were brought in contact with him, so that we who remain behind feel that we have had a personal loss of the highest and tenderest sort.

Bless, we beseech Thee, the broken-hearted wife and the son. Fulfill Thy promise to be the stay of the widow and the father of the fatherless. Grant Thy blessing unto all his friends and brethren, the members of the Senate. Keep us in Thy ways, and may we bear in mind the testimony of this man's life and character to the best, the highest, and the noblest things. We humbly ask, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

#### CREDENTIALS.

Mr. BACON. Mr. President, in the absence of the Senator from Florida [Mr. MALLORY], who is not able to be present on account of personal illness, I present the credentials of the Hon. James P. Taliaferro as a duly elected Senator from the State of Florida. I ask that the credentials may be read and placed upon the files.

The credentials of James P. Taliaferro, chosen by the legislature of Florida a Senator from that State for the term beginning March 4, 1899, were read, and ordered to be filed.

Mr. PENROSE presented the credentials of Matthew S. Quay, appointed by the governor of Pennsylvania a Senator from that State; which were read, as follows:

In the name and by authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, executive department.

To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting:

Whereas a vacancy exists in the representation of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the Senate of the United States by reason of the expiration of the constitutional term of the Hon. Matthew Stanley Quay and the failure of the general assembly of the said Commonwealth to elect his successor:

Therefore, know ye, That reposing especial trust and confidence in the prudence, integrity, and ability of the Hon. Matthew Stanley Quay, I, William A. Stone, governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in conformity to the provisions of clause 2 of section 3 of Article I of the Constitution of the United States, have appointed, and do by these presents commission, him a Senator to represent this State in the Senate of the United States, to supply the vacancy in the Senate of the United States occasioned by the expiration of the term of office of the Hon. Matthew Stanley Quay, which occurred on the 4th day of March last.

He is, therefore, to have and to hold the said office, together with all the rights, powers, and privileges thereunto belonging, or by law in anywise appertaining, until the next meeting of the legislature of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, or until his successor shall be duly elected and qualified, if he shall so long behave himself well.

This appointment to compute from the day of the date hereof.

Given under my hand and the great seal of the State at the city of Harrisburg, this 21st day of April, in the year of our Lord 1899, and of the Commonwealth the one hundred and twenty-third.

[SEAL.]

WILLIAM A. STONE.

By the governor:

W. W. GRIEST,

Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Mr. COCKRELL. I move that the credentials be referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. CHANDLER. There is no objection to that course. I submit a resolution which I ask may be referred at the same time.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Missouri moves that the credentials just read be referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. CHANDLER submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections:

Resolved, That Matthew S. Quay be admitted as a Senator from the State of Pennsylvania in accordance with his appointment made on April 21, 1899, by the governor of said State.

Mr. BURROWS. There has been placed in my hands a memorial in the nature of a remonstrance against the seating of the appointee by the governor of the State of Pennsylvania, and I ask that it be received and referred also.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The memorial will be received and referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. JONES of Arkansas. I present a remonstrance by 78 members of the legislature of Pennsylvania protesting against the seating of Hon. M. S. Quay as a Senator in this body. I move that the memorial be referred, with the credentials and other papers, to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore presented the credentials of Monroe L. Hayward, chosen by the legislature of Nebraska a Senator from that State for the term beginning March 4, 1899; which were read and ordered to be filed.

Mr. HOAR. Mr. President, I hope that the usual and orderly method of procedure will now go on; that the Senators-elect whose credentials are undisputed will be admitted to take the oath, and that if any Senator presents himself about whom there is a question he will stand aside and the proper order be taken. My reason for insisting upon this course is that so many Senators as are clearly entitled to their seats ought to be permitted to take part in every vote which we may pass.

#### SWEARING IN OF SENATORS.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Senators-elect whose credentials have been received and are on file will present themselves in groups of four to take the required oath of office. The Secretary will call alphabetically the names of the newly elected Senators.

The Secretary read the names of—

Nelson W. Aldrich, of the State of Rhode Island.

William B. Bate, of the State of Tennessee.

Albert J. Beveridge, of the State of Indiana.

Julius C. Burrows, of the State of Michigan.

As their names were called the respective Senators-elect (with the exception of Mr. Bate) came forward, and the oath prescribed by law was administered to them.

The Secretary read the names of—

Clarence D. Clark, of the State of Wyoming.

William A. Clark, of the State of Montana.

Francis M. Cockrell, of the State of Missouri.

Charles A. Culberson, of the State of Texas.

As their names were called the respective Senators-elect came forward, and the oath prescribed by law was administered to them.

The Secretary read the names of—

John W. Daniel, of the State of Virginia.

Cushman K. Davis, of the State of Minnesota.

Chauncey M. Depew, of the State of New York.

Addison G. Foster, of the State of Washington.

As their names were called the respective Senators-elect came forward, and the oath prescribed by law was administered to them.

The Secretary read the names of—

Eugene Hale, of the State of Maine.

Marcus A. Hanna, of the State of Ohio.

Joseph R. Hawley, of the State of Connecticut.

Monroe L. Hayward, of the State of Nebraska.

Mr. THURSTON. I desire to announce that my colleague, Senator-elect Hayward, is confined at his residence by illness and can not be present to take the oath at this time.

As their names were called the respective Senators-elect (with the exception of Mr. Hayward) came forward, and the oath prescribed by law was administered to them.

The Secretary read the names of—

John Kean, of the State of New Jersey.

Henry Cabot Lodge, of the State of Massachusetts.

Louis E. McComas, of the State of Maryland.

Porter J. McCumber, of the State of North Dakota.

As their names were called the respective Senators-elect came forward, and the oath prescribed by law was administered to them.

The Secretary read the names of—

Hernando D. Money, of the State of Mississippi.

Redfield Proctor, of the State of Vermont.

Joseph V. Quarles, of the State of Wisconsin.

Nathan B. Scott, of the State of West Virginia.

William M. Stewart, of the State of Nevada.

James P. Taliaferro, of the State of Florida.

As their names were called the respective Senators-elect came forward, and the oath prescribed by law was administered to them.

#### SENATORS PRESENT.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The roll of the Senate will now be called by the Secretary.

The Secretary called the roll, and the following Senators answered to their names:

From the State of—

Alabama—John T. Morgan and Edmund W. Pettus.

Arkansas—James H. Berry and James K. Jones.

California—George C. Perkins.

Colorado—Henry M. Teller and Edward O. Wolcott.

Connecticut—Joseph R. Hawley and Orville H. Platt.

Delaware—Richard R. Kenney.

Florida—James P. Taliaferro.

Georgia—Augustus O. Bacon and Alexander S. Clay.

Idaho—Henry Heitfeld and George L. Shoup.

Illinois—Shelby M. Cullom and William E. Mason.

Indiana—Albert J. Beveridge and Charles W. Fairbanks.

Iowa—William B. Allison and John H. Gear.

Kansas—Lucien Baker and William A. Harris.

Kentucky—William Lindsay.

Louisiana—Samuel D. McEnery.

Maine—William P. Frye and Eugene Hale.

Maryland—Louis E. McComas and George L. Wellington.

Massachusetts—George F. Hoar and Henry Cabot Lodge.

Michigan—Julius C. Burrows and James McMillan.

Minnesota—Cushman K. Davis and Knute Nelson.

Mississippi—Hernando D. Money and William V. Sullivan.

Missouri—Francis M. Cockrell and George G. Vest.

Montana—Thomas H. Carter and William A. Clark.

Nebraska—John M. Thurston.

Nevada—John P. Jones and William M. Stewart.

New Hampshire—William E. Chandler and Jacob H. Gallinger.

New Jersey—John Kean and William J. Sewell.

New York—Chauncey M. Depew and Thomas C. Platt.

North Carolina—Jeter C. Pritchard.

North Dakota—Henry C. Hansbrough and Porter J. McCumber.

Ohio—Joseph B. Foraker and Marcus A. Hanna.

Oregon—Joseph Simon.

Pennsylvania—Boies Penrose.

Rhode Island—Nelson W. Aldrich and George P. Wetmore.

South Carolina—John L. McLaurin and Benjamin R. Tillman.

South Dakota—James H. Kyle and R. F. Pettigrew.

Tennessee—Thomas B. Turley.

Texas—Charles A. Culberson.

Utah—Joseph L. Rawlins.

Vermont—Redfield Proctor and Jonathan Ross.

Virginia—John W. Daniel and Thomas S. Martin.

Washington—Addison G. Foster and George Turner.

West Virginia—Stephen B. Elkins and Nathan B. Scott.

Wisconsin—Joseph V. Quarles and John C. Spooner.

Wyoming—Clarence D. Clark and Francis E. Warren.

Mr. McENERY. I wish to state that the senior Senator from Florida [Mr. MALLORY] is absent on account of severe illness.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Seventy-eight Senators having responded to their names, there is a quorum of the Senate present.

#### NOTIFICATION TO THE HOUSE.

Mr. CULLOM submitted the following resolution; which was considered by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate is assembled, and that the Senate is ready to proceed to business.

#### NOTIFICATION TO THE PRESIDENT.

Mr. PLATT of Connecticut submitted the following resolution; which was considered by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

*Resolved*, That a committee consisting of two Senators be appointed, to join such committee as may be appointed by the House of Representatives, to wait upon the President of the United States and inform him that a quorum of each House is assembled, and that Congress is ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make.

*Ordered*, That the committee be appointed by the President pro tempore.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore appointed as the committee Mr. PLATT of Connecticut and Mr. JONES of Arkansas.

#### HOOR OF MEETING.

Mr. HOAR submitted the following resolution; which was considered by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

*Resolved*, That the hour of daily meeting of the Senate be 12 o'clock meridian until otherwise ordered.

#### SENATOR FROM MONTANA.

Mr. CARTER. Mr. President, I present a memorial protesting against the validity of the election of WILLIAM A. CLARK, of Silver Bow County, on the 28th day of January, 1899, as a Senator from the State of Montana in the Senate of the United States for six years from the 4th day of March, 1899, for the reasons set forth in the protest or memorial. The memorial is signed by Henry C. Stiff, speaker of the house of representatives, and twenty-six members of the legislative assembly.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. What disposition does the Senator from Montana desire to have made of the memorial?

Mr. CARTER. I request that the memorial be referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections, if that course meets the view of the chairman of the committee.

Mr. CHANDLER. Let it be referred.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The memorial will be referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. CHANDLER. I request that it be printed for the use of the committee.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, the order to print will be made.

Mr. CARTER. I also present a petition to the Senate, praying this honorable body at the earliest practicable moment to set a time and place for the hearing, before the Committee on Privileges and Elections, of the protest herein set forth. The protest calls in question the right of Mr. CLARK to a seat in this body. The petition is signed by Robert B. Smith, governor; T. E. Collins, State treasurer; Henry C. Stiff, speaker of the house of representatives, Sixth legislative assembly of Montana; Thomas W. Poindexter, jr., State auditor; A. J. CAMPBELL, member of Congress; and Charles S. Hartman, ex-Representative in Congress from the State of Montana.

I request that the same disposition be made of the petition as of the memorial just presented by me.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The petition will be referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

#### DEATH OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT.

Mr. SEWELL. Mr. President, it becomes my painful duty to announce to the Senate the death of GARRET A. HOBART, of New Jersey, Vice-President of the United States and presiding officer of this body, and to offer the resolutions which I send to the desk.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The resolutions will be read.

The Secretary read the resolutions, as follows:

*Resolved*, That the Senate has received with the deepest regret information of the death of GARRET AUGUSTUS HOBART, late Vice-President of the United States.

*Resolved*, That the business of the Senate be suspended in order that the distinguished public services of the deceased and the virtues of his private character may be fittingly commemorated.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives.



Mr. SEWELL. I ask that the resolutions may lie on the table, to be called up by me at a convenient season in the near future.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. It will be so ordered.

Mr. KEAN. Mr. President, I move, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Vice-President, that the Senate do now adjourn.

The motion was unanimously agreed to; and (at 12 o'clock and 30 minutes p. m.) the Senate adjourned until to-morrow, Tuesday, December 5, 1899, at 12 o'clock meridian.

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

MONDAY, December 4, 1899.

This day, in compliance with the provisions of the Constitution, the members-elect of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-sixth Congress assembled in their Hall and were called to order by Mr. ALEXANDER McDOWELL, the Clerk of the last House.

The CLERK. The House will now be in order.

Prayer will be offered by the Chaplain of the last House, Rev. HENRY N. COUDEN.

The Rev. HENRY N. COUDEN, D. D., Chaplain of the last House, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, in whom all our longings, hopes, and aspirations are centered, both as individuals and as a nation, humbly and most reverently we bow before Thee, knowing full well that without Thee we can do nothing; but with Thee we are capable of the accomplishment of great things, and thus fulfill our individual destiny and make, to greater perfection, the genius of our Government.

We bless Thee for that providence which has upheld, sustained, and guided us through all the vicissitudes of the past, for the prosperity which now smiles upon us, for the intelligence, moral excellency, and religious attainments of our people, and for that prestige which under Thy providence has made us strong and influential throughout the world. We pray Thee that the onward march of progress may not be impeded by the new conditions which perforce have come upon us.

Make, we beseech Thee, for wisdom and righteousness our statesmen, that all the difficult and intricate problems which shall arise may be justly, wisely, and amicably adjusted.

To this end we most fervently pray for the President of these United States and all of his official advisers, that in the affairs of State he may be guided by the light of heaven.

Hear us when we commend to Thy special care the Congress now convened. Before it is an open page; and at its close we pray Thee that it may be writ with history which the American people may be proud to look upon and which shall meet Thy approbation. We pray that Thy Holy Spirit may come mightily upon the Speaker and upon all the members on this floor.

Since last we met many members who otherwise would be here have been removed by death. We lift up our hearts in behalf of their friends and their loved ones.

It would seem a great calamity that has been visited upon us in the death of our Vice-President. But Thou art God, and doest all things well. May his character, unsullied, and his great example in private and in public life be an inspiration to us all, and may Thy loving arms be about his bereaved wife and child.

These things we ask in the spirit of our Lord, Christ, our Saviour. Amen.

The CLERK. The hour, under the Constitution, for the convening of the Fifty-sixth Congress having arrived, the Clerk will call the roll by States to ascertain if a quorum of members be present. Members will answer to their names when called.

The roll was called, showing the presence of the following Members and Delegates:

George W. Taylor.  
Jesse F. Stallings.  
Henry D. Clayton.  
Gaston A. Robbins.

Philip D. McCulloch.  
John S. Little.  
Thomas C. McRae.

John A. Barham.  
Marion De Vries.  
Victor H. Metcalf.  
Julius Kahn.

John F. Shafroth.

E. Stevens Henry.  
Nehemiah D. Sperry.

### ALABAMA.

Willis Brewer.  
John H. Bankhead.  
John L. Burnett.  
O. W. Underwood.

### ARKANSAS.

William J. Terry.  
Hugh A. Dinsmore.  
Stephen Brundidge, jr.

### CALIFORNIA.

Eugene F. Loud.  
Russell J. Waters.  
James Carson Needham.

### COLORADO.

John C. Bell.

### CONNECTICUT.

Charles A. Russell.  
Ebenezer J. Hill.

### DELAWARE.

John H. Hoffecker.

Stephen M. Sparkman.

Rufus E. Lester.  
James M. Griggs.  
E. B. Lewis.  
W. C. Adamson.  
Leonidas F. Livingston.

James R. Mann.  
William Lorimer.  
George P. Foster.  
Thomas Cusack.  
Edward T. Noonan.  
Henry S. Boutell.  
George E. Foss.  
Albert J. Hopkins.  
Robert R. Hitt.  
George W. Prince.  
Walter Reeves.

James A. Hemenway.  
Robert W. Miers.  
William T. Zenor.  
Francis M. Griffith.  
George W. Faris.  
James E. Watson.  
Jesse Overstreet.

Thomas Hedge.  
Joe R. Lane.  
David B. Henderson.  
Gilbert N. Haugen.  
Robert G. Cousins.  
John F. Lacey.

W. J. Bailey (at large).  
Charles Curtis.  
J. D. Bowersock.  
Edwin R. Ridgely.

Charles K. Wheeler.  
Henry D. Allen.  
John S. Rhea.  
David H. Smith.  
Oscar Turner.

Adolph Meyer.  
Robert C. Davey.  
Robert F. Broussard.

Amos L. Allen.  
Charles E. Littlefield.

John Walter Smith.  
William B. Baker.  
Frank C. Wachter.

George P. Lawrence.  
Frederick H. Gillett.  
John R. Thayer.  
George W. Weymouth.  
William S. Knox.  
William H. Moody.  
Ernest W. Roberts.

John B. Corliss.  
Henry C. Smith.  
Washington Gardner.  
Edward L. Hamilton.  
William Alden Smith.  
Samuel W. Smith.

James A. Tawney.  
James T. McCleary.  
Joel P. Heatwole.  
Fred C. Stevens.

John M. Allen.  
Thomas Spight.  
Andrew F. Fox.

James T. Lloyd.  
John Dougherty.  
Charles F. Cochran.  
William S. Cowherd.  
David A. DeArmond.  
James Cooney.  
Dorsey W. Shackelford.

E. J. Barkett.  
David H. Mercer.  
John S. Robinson.

### FLORIDA.

Robert W. Davis.

### GEORGIA.

John W. Maddox.  
Farish Carter Tate.  
William H. Fleming.  
William G. Brantley.

### IDAHO.

Edgar Wilson.

### ILLINOIS.

Joseph G. Cannon.  
Vespasian Warner.  
Joseph V. Graft.  
Benjamin F. Marsh.  
William E. Williams.  
Ben F. Caldwell.  
Thomas M. Jett.  
Joseph B. Crowley.  
James R. Williams.  
W. A. Rodenberg.  
George W. Smith.

### INDIANA.

George W. Cromer.  
Charles B. Landis.  
Edgar D. Crumpacker.  
George W. Steele.  
James M. Robinson.  
Abram L. Brick.

### IOWA.

John A. T. Hull.  
William P. Hepburn.  
Smith McPherson.  
Jonathan P. Dolliver.  
Lot Thomas.

### KANSAS.

J. M. Miller.  
W. A. Calderhead.  
W. A. Reeder.  
Chester I. Long.

### KENTUCKY.

Albert S. Berry.  
G. G. Gilbert.  
Samuel J. Pugh.  
Thomas Y. Fitzpatrick.  
Vincent Boreing.

### LOUISIANA.

Phanor Brazeale.  
Joseph E. Ransdell.  
Samuel M. Robertson.

### MAINE.

Edwin C. Burleigh.  
Charles A. Boutelle.

### MARYLAND.

James W. Denny.  
Sydney E. Mudd.  
George A. Pearre.

### MASSACHUSETTS.

Samuel W. McCall.  
John F. Fitzgerald.  
Henry F. Naphen.  
Charles F. Sprague.  
William C. Lovering.  
William S. Greene.

### MICHIGAN.

Edgar Weeks.  
J. W. Fordney.  
Roswell P. Bishop.  
Rosseau O. Crump.  
William S. Mesick.  
Carlos D. Shelden.

### MINNESOTA.

Loren Fletcher.  
Pago Morris.  
Frank M. Eddy.

### MISSISSIPPI.

John S. Williams.  
Frank A. McLain.  
Patrick Henry.

### MISSOURI.

Champ Clark.  
Richard Bartholdt.  
Charles F. Joy.  
Charles E. Pearce.  
Edward Robb.  
William D. Vandiver.  
Macenas E. Benton.

### MONTANA.

A. J. Campbell.

### NEBRASKA.

William L. Stark.  
Roderick D. Sutherland.  
William Neville.